



Department of Toxic Substances Control



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Honorable Sheila Kuehl Member of the Senate State Capitol, Room 5108 Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Kuehl:

I am writing to inform you of a significant change in DTSC's oversight of the cleanup activities at SSFL. On April 4, I appointed Norman Riley as head of our Santa Susana Field Lab project. Norman has served the Department in many management capacities over several years and brings vast experience and a high level of skill to this crucial project.

I have asked that Norman ensure that our decisions are protective of community health and the environment, that he and his team make decisions as quickly as possible, and that he actively engage the community in a transparent process so that when we complete our work, the cleanup is supported by those who are impacted by our decisions.

Attached is a memo which provides some background on my decision to bring Norman in to head up our efforts on this project.

Environmentally,

Leonard E. Robinson Chief Deputy Director

Attachment

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